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MAN OF WAR

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GUEST STARRING:
SGT. ROCK
AND HIS
HOWLING
COMMANDOS

GIBBONS
WAID
PALMIOTTI



SUPER SOLDIER

FIGHTING LEGEND of WORLD WAR II

DEADLY CARGO

FEBRUARY, 1942. METROPOLIS.
THE ALL-STAR WINNERS
SQUADRON MEETS AT ITS
MIDTOWN CLUBHOUSE...

SORRY I'M LATE,
WINNERS, BUT I'VE
JUST COME FROM WASH-
INGTON--A MISSION
BRIEFING!

I HAVE TO
FOLLOW A CON-
SIGNMENT OF STOKEN
GOVERNMENT
EQUIPMENT BEING
SMUGGLED
OVERSEAS!

O-OVERSEAS?
BUT--I-I MEAN, WHAT
COULD MAKE IT SO
IMPORTANT?

I WASN'T INFORMED, AMERICAN
BELLE. BESIDES, I COULDN'T TELL
YOU, EVEN IF I KNEW--IT'S AN
OFFICIAL SECRET!



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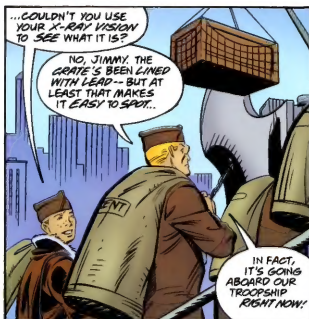
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MARCHES ON!

A CLASSIC from the
GOLDEN AMALGAM
AGE OF COMICS!

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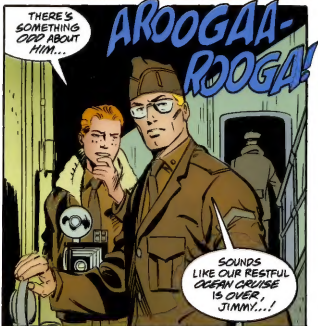
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NEXT EVENING...

WOON! ENGLAND! HOPE WE GET A CHANCE FOR SOME SIGHTSEEING, CLARK!

TAKE SOME PICTURES FOR THE HOWLERS IF YOU DO, KID...

YEAH, WE'RE SHIPPING OUT OF HERE ALREADY!

C'MON, YOU LUNKHEADS! LET'S GET THE LEAD OUT-- WE GOT US A WAR TO WIN!



GOOD LUCK, SARGE!

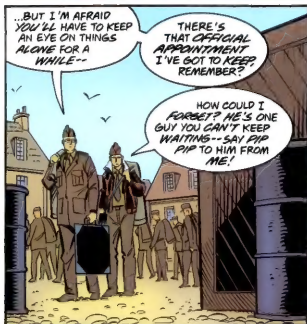
THANKS, KID-- YOU AND BLONDIE STAY OUT OF TROUBLE NOW!



WAAH-HOOOO!

SAY, THERE'S THAT FRENCH GUY AGAIN... I STILL DON'T TRUST HIM.

HMM... NOW THAT THE CARGO'S ASHORE, WE SHOULD SOON KNOW FOR SURE WHO'S INVOLVED...



...BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS ALONE FOR A WHILE--

THERE'S THAT OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT I'VE GOT TO KEEP, REMEMBER?

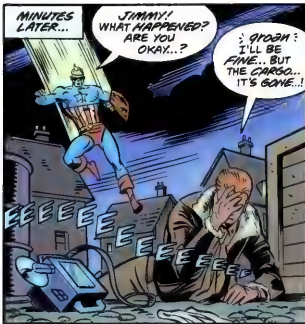
HOW COULD I FORGET? HE'S ONE GUY YOU CAN'T KEEP WAITING-- SAY PIP PIP TO HIM FROM ME!



I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN, JIMMY...

MEANTIME, USE YOUR SIGNAL WATCH IF YOU NEED MY HELP!





MINUTES
LATER...

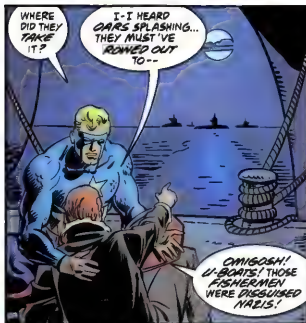
JIMMY!
WHAT HAPPENED?
ARE YOU
OKAY...?

GGROOH
I'LL BE
FINE... BUT
THE CARGO...
IT'S GONE...



A... A FISHING CREW
LANDED. I WAS SUSPICIOUS
THEN SOMEONE
HIT ME... FROM
BEHIND...!

IT WAS THAT...
FRENCH GUY. I
WAS GROSSY BUT
I HEARD HIM GIVING...
ORDERS AS THE
SAILORS MAN-
HANDLED THE
CARGO AWAY...



WHERE
DID THEY
TAKE
IT?

I-I HEARD
OARS SPLASHING...
THEY MUST'VE
ROWED OUT
TO--

OMIGODSH!
U-BOATS! THOSE
FISHERMEN
WERE DISGUISED
NAZIS!



LOOKS LIKE
I ARRIVED
JUST IN
TIME!

OH BOY!
I GOTTA GET SOME
PICTURES OF
THIS!



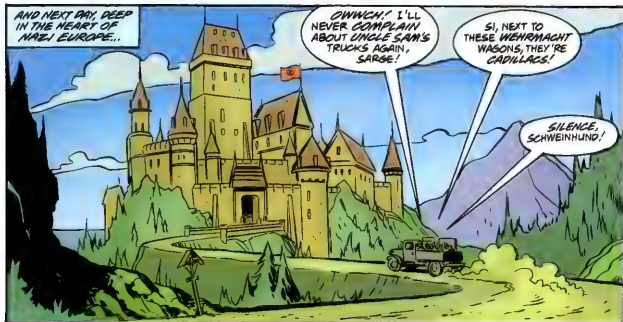
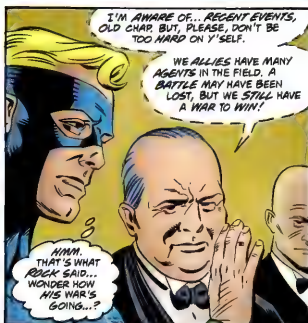
I GUESS THE TRAIL
ENDS HERE... I'LL GRAB
THE FRENCHMAN AND
THE CARGO AND
SINK THOSE--

WAIT! TORPEDOES...
HEADING FOR THE DOCK
-- AND JIMMY!

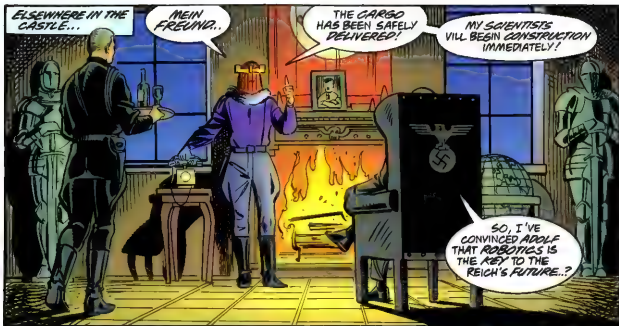


I'LL HAVE
TO ATTEND TO
THEM FIRST...!









ELSEWHERE IN THE CASTLE...

MEIN FREUND...

THE CARGO HAS BEEN SAFELY DELIVERED!

MY SCIENTISTS WILL BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY!

SO, I'VE CONVINCED ADOLF THAT ROBOTICS IS THE KEY TO THE REICH'S FUTURE...?



OH, JA! ADOLF-- ER, DER FUHRER--IS ECSTATIC!

GOOD... THEN LET US TOAST THE UNSUB- PABLE SUCCESS OF PROJECT UL-

BRATATATATATA



NEIN! IT IS NOT POSSIBLE!

THOSE VERDAMMT KOMMANDOS HAVE ESCAPED!

WAAHHOO-OOOO!



UNLEASH THE WAR WHEEL! CRUSH THEM!

JAWOHL, MAJOR ZEMO!



THIS FEELS BETTER, EH HOWLERS?

WAAAH-HOOOO!

ROCK! MAKE FOR ZE INNER COURTYARD-- ZAT IS WHERE ZEMO'S LABORATORIES ARE!



RRUNNMBL!

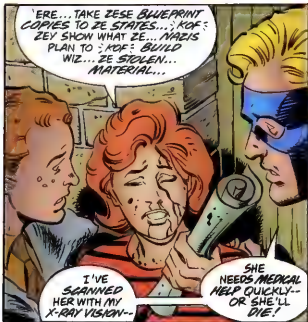
WHAT IN SAM HILL?

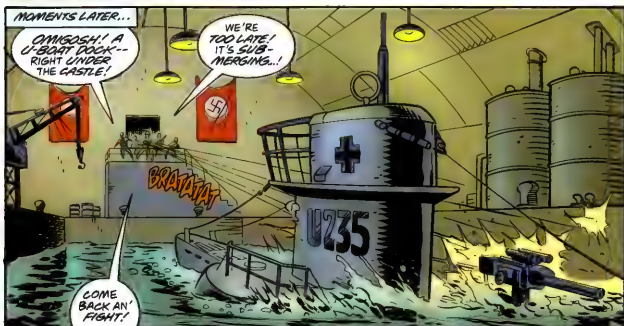
OH, NON-- IT CANNOT BE!













SAVE YOUR AMMO!
THEY'RE HOME FREE--
BLAST 'EM!

WE
LOST.

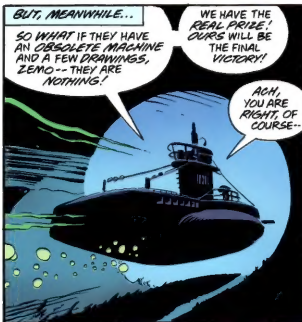
NOT
EVERYTHING,
SARGE...



THE WAR WHEEL WILL
NEVER ROLL AGAIN...
AND WE'VE GOT THE
PLANS OF ZEMO'S
NEXT SECRET
WEAPON!

YEAH... GUESS SO.
KID, WE JUST HAVE TO
HOLD THE FORT
UNTIL SUPER-
SOLDIER RETURNS --EASY!
... AND
THAT'S--
EH, GUYS?

WAAH-HOOOO!



BUT, MEANWHILE...

SO WHAT IF THEY HAVE
AN OBSOLETE MACHINE
AND A FEW DRAWINGS,
ZEMO-- THEY ARE
NOTHING!

WE HAVE THE
REAL PRIZE!
OURS WILL BE
THE FINAL
VICTORY!

AH,
YOU ARE
RIGHT, OF
COURSE--



--HERR
LUTHOR!

OF COURSE.
THE MOMENT I HAVE
SECRETLY WORKED
TOWARDS
APPROACHES....!



WITH THIS ALIEN
METAL WE CAN
CONSTRUCT A
ROBOT THAT WILL
STRIKE AT THE
VERY HEART OF
AMERICA--

--THEN I WILL
RULE IN
WASHINGTON!

EVEN SUPER-
SOLDIER WILL BE
POWERLESS BEFORE
THE MIGHT OF
ULTRA-METALLO!

The End?

A-TEN-SHUUN!!

AT EASE, MEN.

This is a quick briefing concerning information we have intercepted that is of extreme importance not only to you, but to our entire nation.

The public is demanding more information regarding certain covert missions that were

undertaken during World War II involving Super-Soldier. We are officially responding to this threat with SUPER-SOLDIER: MAN OF WAR which depicts each astounding adventure, each epic escape, each spectacular stand for Truth, Liberty and the American Way! Yes, in response to your overwhelming requests, Super-Soldier fights on! With script and pencils by Dave Gibbons, co-plots by Mark Wald, inks by Jimmy Palmiotti, colors by Angus McKie and letters by John Costanza, this title will be a bombastic smash! All for you, faithful reader!

Dear Sirs,

WAAAH-HO000! With the cancellation of SGT. ROCK'S HOWLIN' COMMANDOS last year, I thought I would never see my favorite grunts fighting the good fight, but lo and behold, they are scheduled to appear in my favorite monthly, SUPER-SOLDIER! Thank you, thank you, thank you! I can hardly wait to see what evil awaits these heroes! Only the likes of Dr. Doom and Hitler could warrant the combined forces of all these war heroes! Actually, even their combined armies couldn't defeat these G.I.'s! They've no chance of victory when America's Super-Soldier arrives! I just can't wait to see what you have in store! Whatever it is, I'll be there, combat boots, C-rations and all! WAAAAAH-HO000000!!!!

Harvey Eisner
Little Rock, AR

Fan fantastic, your dreams have been realized! SUPER-SOLDIER will continue his never-ending defense against evil on all fronts, both alone and with the aid of heroes both big and small, like the All-Star Winners Squadron or Sgt. Rock and his Howlin' Commandos or even the Young Commandos... we've got it all for you, avid reader! So fret no longer, your time has come!

Generals,

I'm a veteran of the big war, and nothing takes me back to my youthful days like SGT. ROCK'S HOWLIN' COMMANDOS.

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DOS. Their reemergence into the Amalgam Universe is not only welcome, but begs me to ask: What took you so long?! For years I sat by while all these goody two-shoes, fancy-garbed heroes chased pumped-up villains all over the universe, just to find out that they are actually brothers (or worse yet, clones!). Well, here come the true heroes, with dirt on their hands and victory in their hearts! No other hero champions the ideals of the good old U.S. of A. like Super-Soldier; and no other team exemplifies the perseverance of the common man in the face of adversity like The Commandos! Give me another healthy helping of Super-Soldier; I'll take all I can get!

Ku Bert Swan
Bronx, NY

Bert, you've brought tears to our eyes. We're glad to hear that all our work in the trenches hasn't gone unnoticed. We'll continue to bombard you with a steady barrage of grand stories and great art until our mission is complete! Onward, Men!

Dear Gang,

When will Hydra learn? I mean, where do they get those recruits? In the last issue of SUPER-SOLDIER, he polished off at least thirty members, yet they still kept coming! There's nothing better than watching Super-Soldier tear into Hydra's minions! Those would-be world conquerors deserve everything they get and then some! I enjoyed learning a bit of the history of Hydra as well as the part it played in the beginning of the first World War. I also loved it when Super-Soldier used his super heat-vision to warm the soup for those homeless people. It's the details that count, and you guys have got all the details down! Keep 'em comin', fast and furious, for the true fans! Until day meets night, Make Mine Amalgam!

Orlando Goodwin
San Diego, Ca

If we know where and when Hydra recruited, they'd have been shut down years ago! But don't underestimate the strength and connections of Hydra; they

have been steadily increasing their hold on strategic military sites all over the world. There is more evil to come from those ranks, just you wait and see!

Soldiers,
Does everybody have Green K these

days? Is there a sale somewhere? If another one of Super-Soldier's nemesis pulls Green K from their back pocket, I'll scream!

I borrowed some of my uncle's comics featuring The Howlin' Commandos and came across an interesting tidbit! In issue #47 of ACTION & SUSPENSE COMICS, there is a Captain named Wayne who is apparently killed, but we never see the body. Is this the father of Bruce Wayne, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.? My brother Josel got to this issue and the last page of this comic is ripped out. Am I right? Am I? If so, that is sooo cool! Keep up the good work!

Jordan Little
Fresh Meadows, NY

Dear Sirs,

I haven't been this excited about a series since the team-up of Super-Soldier and The Darkclaw! In WORLD'S FINEST UNTOLD TALES, the art of Gibbons and Palmiotti was consistently awesome. From the splash page showing The Darkclaw falling from above onto the back of Super-Soldier, to the final panel of Darkclaw holding the shield of Super-Soldier, it's all so fantastic! Gibbons, you are not only a fantastic artist, but a fantastic writer as well! You keep hitting us with blow after blow of excitement! What's more, to find out that a high-ranking agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. and former Howlin' Commando is actually a Hydra spy! Is it Rock? Dum-Dum? Or is this a decoy story to confuse us? Tell me, tell me! No, don't tell me. I want to figure it out myself.

Miller Infantino
Mangual, PR

We're glad that Super-Soldier still generates such a high level of excitement for so many. He is truly an inspiration to young and old, regardless of race, and is as American as sweet potato pie. Keep those letters coming to let us know what's happening on the home front! WAAAAH-HO0000!

Carlson & Berrios
— Editorial Grunts



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Fun! That's the name of the game.

Seems like everywhere you turn these days, there's somebody spoutin' off about the deficit of "fun" in his funnybooks.

To which we say, "Balderdash!"

Now, there's no denyin' that the comic-book biz is just that—a business. And there are times when the profit-and-loss side of the equation seems to overshadow everything else, particularly with the advent of the faster-than-thought communication of the World Wide Web. (Speaking of which, have you gotten an eyeful of our fully-functional Amalgam Website yet? Four out of five dentists recommend it...and the fifth doesn't own a computer!)

But the bottom line is that nobody joins the wacky workaday world of producing four-color fantasies with the intention of getting rich. We do this because we love comics, the same as you do. There's no better place to work than in the comic biz. And the reason is, it's fun.

So have some fun today, Amalgamen and Amalgamettes. We are.

And remember, we remain ever dedicated to bringing you the finest in illustrated picto-literature! Because we know you demand no less! Accelerate!

—M.M. CARWALD

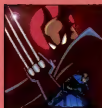


J.L.X. UNLEASHED #1: Decimated by the Armageddon Agenda, the J.L.X. lies at the mercy of the Hellfire League of Injustice when they summon the brimstone-born Fin Fang Foom! By Christopher "Maxi" Priest, Oscar "Jumping" Jimenez and Humbal "The Cannibal" Rodriguez.

GENERATION HEX #1: Ride back into the Wild West days of the Amalgam Universe and see how disgraced renegade Jono Hex assembled the world's first band of mutant gunslingers: Skinhunter, Madame Banshee, and the mysterious Retribution—all out for vengeance against a town called Humanity. By "Pearlman" Peter Mullen, "Madam, Im" Adam Pollina and Mark "More, More, More" Morales.



THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES #1: Based on the hit TV show *Dark Claw: The Animated Series*! A dandy assassin called Lady Tula is loose in New Gotham! And she's after the man who killed her father, Ra's A-Pocalypse—namely, Logan! By Ty "The Guy" Templeton and "Rambunctious" Rick Burchett.



LOBO THE DUCK #1: The Main Mallard is after the mastermind responsible for the destruction of Manhattan and the deaths of the greatest Amalgam heroes! And not even his faithful girlfriend Bivarlene can ease the mighty duck's troubled mind—especially when the Lunatik-Bug bounces into the act. By Alan "The Anarchist" Grant, "Voracious" Val Semeiks, and Ray "Railroad" Kryssing.



BAT-THING #1: When a scientist mutates into a creature part human and part bat, the world can only call him—Bat-Thing! Human no longer, the hideous being seeks revenge on the motorcycle gang responsible for his cursed existence! By "Laughin'" Larry Hama, Rodolfo "Joe" Damaggio, and Bill "Sink-or-swim" Sienkiewicz.



SUPER-SOLDIER: MAN OF WAR #1: Return to the Golden Age of Amalgam as the world's greatest human fighting machine joins forces with Sgt. Rock and his Howling Commandos! But can even their combined might overcome the maniacal Major Zemo's deadly War Wheel? Guest starring the All-Star Winners Society! By "Malevolent" Mark Walid, "Dauntless" Dave Gibbons, and Jimmy "Jummy" Palmiotti.



CHALLENGERS OF THE FANTASTIC #1: Sue "Ace" Storm: fearless agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.! Reed "Prof" Richards: dynamic science genius! Johnny "Red" Storm: daredevil youth! Ben "Rocky" Grimm: two-fisted U.S. senator! They're four frankly fearless people who seek out and defy mind-blowing menaces in mysterious places. But can even they stand against the coming of Galactica? By Karl "Don't Call Me Barbara" Kessel, "Titanic" Tom Grummett, and "Anxious" Al Vey.



THORION OF THE NEW ASGODS #1: Between the realms of New Asgard and Apokolips, Thorion battles his hated brother LOK D'Saad, while the fate of the galaxy itself hangs in the balance! But LOK has a secret weapon: the all-powerful MOTHER LOBE. And waiting in the shadows: Thanos! By "Kinetic" Keith Giffen and "Jumpin'" John Romita, Jr.



IRON LANTERN #1: Empowered by O.A. the Living Planet, Hal Stark wears the life-sustaining armor of Iron Lantern! But can the Armored Emerald Gladiator save Stark Aircraft from the colossal Great White, the hatred of Madame Sapphire, and the world-shattering power of Mandarinestro? By "Curt" Kurt Busiek, "Tall" Paul Smith, and Al "The Pal" Williamson.



THE EXCITING X-PATROL #1: Niles Cable, Elastic-Gel, Shatterstarfire, Ferro Man, Beastling, and Dial H.U.S.K.! They're back—and they must face Brother Brood in a battle to the death! And if they survive—can they endure the trials of the Brood Pit? By Barbara "Don't Call Me Karl" Kessel and "Bouncin'" Bryan Hitch.



SPIDER-BOY TEAM-UP #1: Spider-Boy is saved from certain doom by another spider-powered teen who could be Spider-Boy 2099! Using the Time Cube, the heroic duo travel back to the future to meet the Legion of Galactic Guardians. By Karl "Now I'm Confused" Kessel, Roger "Ranjey" Stern, Jo "The Padron" Ladrone, and "Say it Ain't So" Vlesco.



MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO #1: Just as the refurbished Magnetic Men attempt to join human society, they must go up against the lethal Sinister Society and a slew of new evil robots. By Tom "Terrific" Peyer, "Bodacious" Barry Kitson and "Dancin'" Dan Panosian.

MINUTEMEN



See No Bob



Hear No Bob